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SUBJECT: SULEIMAN COMMENTS ON HIS RECENT ECOWAS TOUR

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1. ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL NEWSRELEASE COL. DAN SULEIMAN, MEMBER OF THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, TOLD AN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE IN LAGOS ON HIS RETURN FROM A TOUR OF SEVERAL ECOWAS COUNTRIES ( REFTEL ) NOVEMBER 1 THAT NIGERIA STRONGLY UNCLASSIFIED

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OPPOSES THE EXTENTION OF ECOWAS MEMBERSHIP TO COUNTRIES FROM

OUTSIDE THE REGION. SULEIMAN SAID THAT THE INITIAL EXTENSION OF ECOWAS BEYOND THE WEST AFRICAN STATES COULD BRING ABOUT DELAYS IN ESTABLISHING A FUNCTIONING COMMUNITY AND IN SUPPORT HE CITED AN OAU POLICY THAT ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN AFRICA SHOULD FIRST BEGIN ON A REGIONAL LEVEL. DURING HIS TOUR, SULEIMAN VISITED MALI, MAURITANIA, GAMBIA, NIGER, SENEGAL, AND UPPER VOLTA.

2. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT IN DAKAR MEETING WITH SULEIMAN, SENEGALESE PRESIDENT LEOPOLD SENGHOR "INSISTED" ON HAVING SOME FRECH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES IN CENTRAL AFRICA, PARTICULARLY ZAIRE JOIN COMMUNITY.

ACCORDING TO PRESS, SENGHOR ALSO TOLD SULEIMAN THAT SENEGAL WOULD NOT RATIFY ECOWAS TREATY UNTIL PROTOCOLS WORKDED OUT.

3. FOR DAKAR: APPRECIATE ANY INFO YOU HAVE CONCERNING CURRENT SENEGALESE ATTITUDES TOWARD ECOWAE.  
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